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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY CONCERNING KUO HSIN-SHENG (HENRY)

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED IN EVENT REP SCHERLE RAISES WITH DEPT CASE OF KUO HSIN-SHENG (HENRY).

2. EMBASSY RECEIVED ON FEBRUARY 1 COPY OF A CABLE FROM REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM SCHERLE OF IOWA TO FOREIGN MINISTER SHEN CHANG-HUAN REQUESTING ROC ISSUE EXIT PERMIT TO KUO HSIN-SHENG (HENRY). WE UNDERSTAND CONGRESSMAN SCHERLE SENT SIMILAR CABLE TO PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO. AMBASSADOR DUAN YUNG, DIRECTOR, NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS, MOFA, INFORMED POLITICAL COUNSELOR GRC HAD REPLIED TO REP SCHERLE ADVISING HIM CASE UNDER "JUDICIAL REVIEW."

3. IN ADDITION TO CABLE, EMBASSY HAS COPY OF OCTOBER 5, 1973 LETTER TO PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO FROM REP SCHERLE. LETTER STATES IN PART THAT MR. KUO IS A LAW PROFESSOR AND PRACTICING ATTORNEY. HIS WIFE WAS BORN IN TAIWAN BUT IS NOW AN AMERICAN CITIZEN EMPLOYED AS A LIBRARIAN AT SIMPSON COLLEGE IN REP SCHERLE'S DISTRICT. ACCORDING TO LETTER, ROC "DEPARTMENTS OF DEFENSE AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS" HAVE DENIED KUO AN EXIT VISA, "APPARENTLY BASED ON HUSBAND'S FORMER FRIENDSHIP WITH ONE PROFESSOR PENG, WHO TAUGHT AT THE NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY WHICH MR. AND MRS. KUO ATTENDED." COPIES OF LETTER AND SCHERLE CABLE BEING POUCHED AS ENCLOSURES TO A-25.

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4. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS "PROFESSOR PENG" IS PENG MING-MIN. OUR FILES DO NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON KUO HSIN-SHENG.

5. DURING JAN 5-12 VISIT TO TAIPEI, PAT BREHENY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO REP SCHERLE, ALSO DISCUSSED CASE WITH AMBASSADOR. BREHENY EMPHASIZED THAT FAVORABLE GRC ACTION WAS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO REP SCHERLE'S ATTITUDE TOWARD ROC. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED WHY EMBASSY COULD NOT TAKE DIRECT ACTION.
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